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MEMORANDUM TO FILE

DATE: MARCH 26, 1997

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FILE: MSW-32

RE: SEVERE EROSION AT AMES/BREMERTON AUTO LANDFILL

On March 25, 1997 Shawn Ultican and Lance Hale of the Bremerton-Kitsap County Health District noted a large amount of trash in Gorst Creek as it crosses under State Highway 3, immediately downstream of where the stream flows out from under the Ames/Bremerton Auto Landfill. A brief investigation showed an apparent slide on the exposed face of the landfill. This erosion caused debris and trash to fall into the stream. Photographs were taken of the eroded face of the landfill, and the stream bed downstream of Highway 3.

The material in Gorst Creek consisted of scrap metal, household items, loose trash and tires. A large amount of material was observed along the banks of the stream and partially buried in the sediments of the stream bed. Approximately 6-10 cubic yards of trash were observed within a 100 yard section of the stream.

In a conversation later that day with Bill McKinney, Forestry Manager for the City of Bremerton Public Works and Utilities, he stated that he had also noted a large amount of trash in the stream where it flows through the Bremerton watershed.

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Forwarded to T. Iama's message box. 3-27-97
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